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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications & Energy  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
One South Station, Second Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

Re: D.T.E. 97-88/18 – Payphone Services

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned matter are Verizon Massachusetts' ("Verizon MA") payphone rates and supporting workpapers based on the total element long-run incremental cost ("TELRIC") methodology. Those rates, which relate to Verizon MA's Public Access Line ("PAL") and Public Access Smart-pay Line ("PASL") services, are recalculated to reflect new unbundled network element ("UNE") rates filed on February 13, 2003 in compliance with the Department's Orders in D.T.E. 01-20 (TELRIC Investigation).

In this filing, Verizon MA updates the UNE-based PAL and PASL rates contained in the Attachment to its June 5, 2002, compliance filing in D.T.E. 01-31, Phase I (Alternative Regulation). Verizon MA files these new PAL and PASL rates in accordance with the Hearing Officer's directives in his February 21, 2003, notice in this proceeding. Verizon MA intends to respond to the Hearing Officer's request for comments regarding those rates based on the schedule established by Department.

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Barbara Anne Sousa

Enclosure

cc: Kevin J. Penders, Esquire, Hearing Officer (4)  
Michael Isenberg, Director - Telecommunications Division  
Attached Service List